

Remarks

The Office action mailed November 2, 2007, has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 11, now canceled. Claim 20 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 30, now canceled. Claim 96 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 11. New independent claims 115, 128 and 129 are presented, each of which recites that the copper-substituted lanthanum ferrite perovskite material includes at least one B-site dopant selected from the group consisting of nickel, cobalt, manganese, aluminum and chromium. Claims 2, 3, 21, and 22 have been amended simply to provide antecedent basis for "B-site atoms." Claim 38 has been amended to address the examiner's 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, concern. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

Claims 17 and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for an alleged lack of written description. However, claims 17 and 36 were present in the originally filed application. (See MPEP §2163(I)(A) – "There is a strong presumption that an adequate written description of the claimed invention is present when the application is filed."). Moreover, explicit support for claims 17 and 36 is found in the specification at page 19, lines 4-7. Thus, the 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, rejection of claims 17 and 36 must be withdrawn.


It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any questions regarding this application, examiner Lewis is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number shown below.

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